Food trucks gather in the ACE parking lot at 875 Garnet Ave. in Pacific Beach every Wednesday from 5 to 9 p.m. (Below) PB resident Becky Hietpas (third from left) takes a bite of a wild boar burger that her husband Nolan Hietpas (left) ordered, as her mother Mary Quiring and brother Steven Quiring (right) enjoy their meals from the variety of gourmet food trucks.

**By THOMAS MELVILLE**

Sometimes spontaneously taking a left leads to an encounter with wild boar, which makes for a delicious dinner if you happen to be in Pacific Beach on a Wednesday, and the left you took was from Garnet Avenue onto Bayard Street heading south. For Pacific Beach resident Nolan Hietpas, taking that left led to one of the best burgers he’s had in a while. “I saw a sign on Garnet saying something about food trucks, so I decided to check it out,” said Hietpas, who was walking to the beach with his wife Becky Hietpas, along with mother-in-law Mary Quiring and brother-in-law Steven Quiring, both visiting from Minnesota. “Once I got close and could smell that barbecue, I knew I made a wise choice.”

The other members of the group opted for lighter fare from the Not So Fast! food truck, such as blackened salmon with sauteed zucchini, sweet potato hash, and the El Pavo Diablo, a free-range turkey burger with roasted red peppers, grilled jalapeños, and spicy garlic aioli.

**Food trucks provide portable eats in PB**

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**Walk, bike or float for a Taste of Mission Beach**

**Event to raise funds for Bonita Cove playground**

**By DAVE SCHWAB**

The second annual Taste of Mission Beach, a fundraiser for the Play by the Bay project to upgrade playground equipment at Bonita Cove, will take place at 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday, May 14. The event is co-sponsored by Mission Beach Women’s Club and Mission Beach Town Council. Start/end points for the food fest are Wavehouse Beach Club, at 1125 Ocean Front Walk in Belmont Park, and Saska’s Steak & Seafood, 3768 Mission Blvd. Participants should go to one of these locations and exchange their tickets for a map of participating venues. Tickets cost $30. Participating eateries include the newly reopened Cannonball in Belmont Park, as well as Draft, The Permanent Kitchen, Mission Beach Coffee Break, Cafe Bahia, Starbucks, Kojak’s Restaurant, Sandbar Sports Bar & Grill, Marcy’s Mexican Food, Starkeys. Attendees can also enjoy live music by Vokab Kompany hip-hop and electronic performers from Hawaii, Vokab Kompany backed up by The Green alternative rock group, backed up by The Green from Hawaii, Vokab Kompany hip-hop and electronic performers from Hawaii.

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**TASTE OF MB**

**When:** 5 to 9 p.m., Thursday, May 14.

**What:** A variety of delicious cuisine from 18 restaurants.

**Where:** Start at Wavehouse Beach Club, at 3125 Ocean Front Walk, and Saska’s Steak & Seafood, 3768 Mission Blvd.

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**'Bring your appetite' for the Coast of Pacific Beach Restaurant Walk**

Discover the best eats in town at the upcoming Coast of Pacific Beach Restaurant Walk, showcasing a wide variety of restaurants, from 4 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19.

"Bring your appetite," said Ann Condon of Discover Pacific Beach, the community’s business improvement district. "This popular annual event continues to grow and will offer a great variety of food choices by 27 local restaurants as well as special deals from local retailers as you stroll past the shops, all for only $20. What could be better than a leisurely self-guided restaurant stroll set by the Pacific Ocean? You’ll watch the sun setting overhead while sampling the best of Pacific Beach’s eclectic coastal cuisine."

Participating restaurants along Mission Boulevard and Garnet Avenue through Dawes Street include Amplified Ale Works, Bub’s Dive Bar, Bare Back Grill, Big Kahuna Homemade Ice Cream, Cabo Cantina, Crushed, Gelato Bus Stop, Pacific Beach Tuesday Farmers Market, Fat Sal’s, Filippi’s Pizza Grotto, Izakay, Miller’s Field, Moray’s on Mission Bay, Oscar’s, Ocean’s Pizzeria, Ra Ka De Ka, Sinbad Café, Pacific Beach Shores Club, The Duck Dive, The Wood, Tony Roma’s and Truckstop.

Restaurant guests will also sample a great variety of local cuisine from several vendors at the Pacific Beach Farmers Market.

"This year, we are welcoming six new restaurants — Izakaya, Baja Beach Café, The Local PB (opened just after last year’s event), Board and Brew, Black Arrows Coffee and the Catamaran’s Oceanos Coastal Cuisine," said Condon. "Don’t miss this event. We will sell out."

Even better, added Condon, is that event proceeds will "help keep our great neighborhood clean."

Tickets are available at pacificbeach.org or at Amplified Ale-works brewpub in the Promenade at Pacific Beach Shopping Center, 4150 Mission Blvd., No. 208, and Filippi’s Pizza Grotto, 962 Garnet Ave.

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Firehouse reopens with new chef, upscale flair

As Firehouse American Eatery and Lounge approached the decade mark in Pacific Beach, owners Matt Spencer and Tyler Charman decided it was time for a reinvention. While paying homage to the good vibes that Firehouse has provided over the years, the structure and menu underwent an overhaul with an impressive $1 million renovation.

This past weekend, those months of rethinking, reinvention and renovation were on display as the popular eatery reopened for business.

The new and improved Firehouse, at 722 Grand Ave., capitalizes on natural light and ocean views. The entrance walls are clad with deep shou-sugi-ban, the Japanese technique of preserving and antiquing wood, which creates a charred effect. The shou-sugi-ban is juxtaposed with intermittent mirror installations that reflect the rising tide.

Seating is varied and includes a cozy fireplace lounge, communal seating near the bar and adjustable-height dining tables located near the new floor-to-ceiling panoramic glass doors, designed to bring the outside in.

Upstairs, Firehouse maintains its patio vibe, with the staple fire pit and the addition of four new private seating cabanas. A retractable awning will provide shade on hot days and warmth in the winter to each ocean-view dining table. There is also a lush, living green wall to create an organic feel against the steel-clad walls.

Firehouse has entered into a new hemisphere in design and cuisine, integrating the old with the new and bringing Pacific Beach what it needs and that which its urbane patrons eagerly await.

In an attempt to maintain the local cult classics while adding an upscale flair, Firehouse brought in executive chef Jason Maitland to run the kitchen. Educated at New England Culinary Institute, Maitland was executive chef at Del Mar’s Arterra for 10 years.

Most recently, he has led the kitchen at Flavor in Del Mar and was the consulting executive chef at the new Indigo Grill.

Guests can expect mouth-watering breakfast items such as the Kristpy Kreme Benny, which includes two classic glazed doughnuts, maple-peppercorn bacon, poached eggs, lemon Hollandaise, FH breakfast potatoes and grilled bread. Also, look forward to seafood specialties including Hawaiian Ahi Tostada, Salt & Pepper Shrimp and the Vuelve a la Vida, which showcases an array of fresh seafood in a spicy sauce.

The restaurant will continue to feature classic American favorites, such as a delectable burger with a culinary twist and Epic Buttermilk Fried Chicken, but it will elevate the mainstays with entrees including Hand Made Pappardelle Pasta with wild mushrooms, sherry, Parmigiano-Reggiano, truffle essence, shaved San Joaquin gold and truffle salt.

The eatery held menu training and tasting for the staff last month.

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Olive Café celebrates a decade in Mission Beach
Eattery nominated for ‘small business of the year’

By DAVE SCHWAB

Sarah Mattinson, owner of Olive Café, owns two distinctions: She’s celebrating her 10th business anniversary as well as having been nominated as “small business of the year” for the Mission Beach neighborhood.

Tuesday, May 12 is the 10-year anniversary of Mattinson’s stewardship of Olive Café at 805 Santa Clara Place.

She was recently notified she’s been nominated by Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins, representing the 78th Assembly District in San Diego, as the owner of a model small business worthy of being considered for small business of the year honors. She will find out officially whether or not she won during a presentation planned for June 26 with Atkins.

Noting she’s humbled by the nomination, Mattinson recalls how demanding it was starting out, “I bought (the café) 10 years ago and it was me and another employee,” she said. “Now we have 15 employees, more in the summer.”

The restaurateur said she overhauled Olive Café, expanding the kitchen and adding full breakfast and lunch menus.

“It (space) was really tiny, 480 square feet,” Mattinson said, pointing out she reconfigured the restaurant’s space six years ago adding an “inside place.”

“We bought the deli next to us and expanded our outside seating; that was four years ago,” Mattinson said adding, “We also ran an ice creamery in the summer,” noting her ice cream has all-natural ingredients. She also serves only organic coffee blended by a local coffee roaster.

“There’s one other thing that distinguishes Mattinson and Olive Café in Mission Beach. “We’re just really involved in the community,” Mattinson said. “I think that’s what’s really helped us, and why we’ve been here for 10 years. We have a lot of great locals and regulars. Some even have their own mugs.”

Mattinson loves her retail space, noting it’s “half a block from the ocean, half a block from the bay and the best of both worlds,” enjoying a solid mix of both locals and vacationers.

SARAH MATTINSON
OLIVE CAFE OWNER

OLIVE CAFE
Where: 805 Santa Clara Place
What: Offers organic coffee, full breakfast, lunch, and all-natural ice cream
Hours: Café open every day 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Info: 858-488-1224 or www.olivecafe.biz.
Fact: Café serves over 500 cups of locally roasted coffee a week.

Olive Café supports numerous community organizations including Mission Beach Women’s Club, girls softball teams, American Legion, San Diego Junior Lifeguards, Row for the Cure, Waiden Family Services for foster kids, Project Safehouse, school fundraising events, and local volleyball tournaments.

Annual Mama’s Day culinary extravaganza fundraiser on Friday in La Jolla

What began 25 years ago as a humble fundraiser involving several chefs helping to spur donations for Mama’s Kitchen has today become the Cadillac of food events in San Diego.

The annual Mama’s Day culinary extravaganza, to be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. May 8 at the Hyatt Regency La Jolla, brings together the crème de la crème of local chefs and restaurants doling out their latest and greatest culinary creations. More than 55 of them are taking part.

General admission to Mama’s Day is $125 in advance (online) and $150 at the door. VIP tickets are $250, which includes early entrance into the event at 5:30 p.m., plus a hosted bar and cooking demos by San Zien.

“It’s a smorgasbord of tastes that is pretty much unsequaled in San Diego,” says Mama’s Kitchen Executive Director Alberto Cortes, adding that last year’s event raised $150,000.

Hyatt Regency La Jolla to be sold for $118 million

A Chicago real estate investment firm announced April 28 its plan to sell its interest in the landmark Hyatt Regency La Jolla in a deal valued at $118 million. Strategic Hotels and Resorts reportedly intends to sell the 417-room hotel to affiliates of Chicago’s MRK Venture.

The sale will close during the year’s second fiscal quarter and will retire $89 million in Strategic debt.

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SANDIEGO, A new report has just been released which reveals 7 costly mistakes that most homeowners make when selling their home. And a 9 Step System that can help you sell your home fast and for the most amount of money.

This industry report shows clearly how the traditional ways of selling homes have become increasingly less and less effective in today’s market. The fact of the matter is that fully three quarters of home-sellers don’t get what they want for their homes and become disillusioned and worse – financially disadvantaged when they put their homes on the market.

Mattinson likes the “hominess” of Olive Café, saying it reminds her of her roots.

“Mission Beach feels like it’s a big community,” she said, saying she grew up in New York next to a deli which also doubled as the community’s post office and gathering hub.

Mattinson and Olive Café were heavily involved in 2014’s Mission Beach centennial celebration, a year-long event that galvanized the community, showing residents just what they could accomplish together.

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Enjoy 'casual upscale' dining at Table 926 in north PB

By DAVE SCHWAB

The owners of Table 926 want everyone to know that theirs is a cornerstone eatery in Pacific Beach where they can go and have dinner and a bottle of wine or just spend time with friends.

“We’re a family-owned restaur-ant: my dad and I are partners,” said chef and co-owner Matt Rich-man. “We’re not a huge restaurant group. We’re not a chain. We’re small, independent. We’re just try-ing to have really good food at rea-sonable prices.”

Richman took over Table 926, at 926 Turquoise St., about 3½ years ago. The retail space, which has been a restaurant since at least the late 1970s, was previously Chateau Orleans, featuring Cajun cuisine.

Richman changed the menu and gave the bistro a new, more inclu-sive identity.

“We’re California cuisine with Mediterranean and Latin influ-ences,” he said. “We have a super menu, we’re not just wine and dine.”

The restaurateur said he’s created an entirely new dining style, which he referred to as “casual upscale.”

“It’s a place where you can wear shorts and flip-flops too but know that you’re going to get really good food and really good service,” Rich-man said. “We’re not pretentious,” he added. “Our employees are younger, professional. It’s a good blend.”

Table 926’s menu includes deli-cacies like grilled octopus, pan roast-ed yellowtail, chicken or duck breast and pork chops. There are typically three or four daily specials.

Richman is a native La Jollan who graduated from La Jolla Country Day School. He went to culinary school in San Francisco and

returned to San Diego to work at Pacifica Del Mar before acquiring his own local restaurant.

Richman said 926 Turquoise St. was a perfect fit for his new restaur-ant concept.

“We had some real estate friends, and they told us when this space became available, and we pounced on it,” he said. “It was an emerging area in north PB, and we also had a lot of different demographics that we could pull toward. You have the kids in PB, the older, retired people up on the hill, and you’ve got young professionals in Bird Rock and north PB. We try to cater to them all.”

To that end, Table 926 offers weekly specials. Happy hour is 5 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays. Tuesdays are nights for locals, where guests from the PB and La Jolla areas get 15 percent off. Wednesday is date night, wherein couples are charged $6.50 with no corkage fee, which entitles them to a shared appetizer, two entrees and a bottle of select wine.

Thursday night at Table 926 offers half off selected wines. A weekend brunch on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. fills out the weekly specials list, offering a full brunch menu with $15 bellini and mimosa flights, with $15 bot-tomless mimosas.

Table 926 is civic minded.

“We’re a neighborhood bistro, so we want to be involved in the community,” said Richman. “We do a lot of donations for local charities, whether it’s school, church or non-profit oriented.”

And what of the restaurant’s somewhat unconventional name?

“It’s the address,” answered Rich-man, adding, “At the time, the hot names were restaurant objects — kitchens, tables.”

Richman said about 80 percent of his clientele comes from La Jolla and PB. He added he’s also hoping to catch the emerging trend of “neighbor-hoodization,” noting that “People don’t have to leave their own neighborhood to get to good restaur-ants and bars. We want to be that north PB focal point.”

Joblessness led to starting San Diego Beer & Wine Tours

By DAVE SCHWAB

In 2010, La Jolla resident Shira Bliss was in between jobs walking the beaches when she had an epiphany.

“You know that saying, ‘Do what you love to do and the money will follow?’” she asked. “I love to walk and drink good wine and eat good food. So I marched up to Café Milano, and I said, ‘How about I bring tourists and locals to taste your food and wine and that will get you more business?’”

It worked.

“I live here,” Bliss said, “and I was able to support my fellow merchants while providing a job for myself.”

Five years later, she’s expanded La Jolla Wine Tours, her one-person enterprise, beyond the jewel to include other parts of San Diego, including the Gaslamp Quarter.

Now known as San Diego Beer & Wine Tours, the business, which has nine employees including five tour guides, is still growing.

“Our very first tours,” Bliss said, “showcased the restaurants and wine bars — La Jolla Brewery, Café Milano, Chad Thai, Café Laureate and Finch’s — here in La Jolla.” Meanwhile, she noted, her repertoire has expanded as well to include winery-chaufered tours, winery train tours, even a beer train trolley tour.

“Altogether, we’ve partnered with about 35 wineries, breweries and restaurants,” Bliss said, adding her guests can please their palates with local libations and culinary creations.

“Whether you’re celebrating a birthday, bachelor/bachelorette party or just want to have a great time, San Diego Beer and Wine Tours has the perfect tasty adven-ture for you,” she said.

Best of all, said Bliss, is that her partners are strictly local.

“We don’t go to the commercial wineries in Temecula in Riverside County,” she said. “Our mission is to promote family-run businesses, and we want to promote local.”

Bliss said tour guests get VIP treat-ment and are fed gourmet-tow-able food on every tour, which also allows them to sample a dozen or more beers or wines while guides clue them in on the latest news and trends in the beer and wine scene.

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Shira Bliss insists on promoting local at San Diego Beer & Wine Tours. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Mission Beach resident and famed La Jolla Interior Designer, Carol G. Brown passed quietly March 25, 2015 in San Diego due to Alzheimers. Carol could be seen taking her morning swim in the bay at Portsmouth Ct., walking her beloved doxies Max and Gus, or dining weekly at Sasaki’s.

Carol has 4 children and 3 grandchildren.

Facebook Carol G Brown Memorial.
Cuban to Thai – are available from an array of food trucks that gather on Wednesdays from 5 to 9 p.m. at 875 Garnet Ave. in the ACE parking lot. The trucks rotate each week and usually offer an exceptional example of street food staples such as burgers, burritos and brats for the hungry gourmand.

“We are excited to finally be in Pacific Beach,” said Christian Murcia, who runs the gourmet food truck booking service Curbside Bites with his wife Danielle. Curbside Bites, which has a network of more than 250 food trucks in Southern California, is responsible for scheduling the trucks each week.

“We had PB on our radar for a while but could not do anything there until the rules were changed in San Diego,” he said.

Last fall, the City Council unanimously passed new rules for mobile food trucks to operate citywide, and then in March the Coastal Commission approved the regulations for the coastal areas, which paved the way for food truck Wednesdays in Pacific Beach.

“PB is a unique community that supports small business owners and also has a lot of residents who love fresh, good food,” said Murcia, who started booking the food trucks for PB in March. “We’ve already had quite a few people come by and tell us how excited they are about it.”

Murcia makes sure there is a diverse rotation of trucks – usually four to five – each week at the PB location to keep a variety of flavors in play. “These gatherings are like pop-up food courts, and we want to make sure there is something for everyone,” he said. “We want it to be a unique event.”

On a recent cool spring evening, a group of friends visiting from Chula Vista made their way through the parking lot of food trucks and found a few favorites.

“These crab cakes are so delicious,” said Jenn Ortiz, who ordered them from the Two for the Road truck. Her friend, Kaye Lara, was munching on Cajun fries from Mr. Dash. “These are sooo good. Just the right amount of spice,” she said, as she hustled to catch up with her group, who were walking west while eating and laughing their way down Hornblend Street.

“We wanted to see how it would go in PB,” Murcia said. “We are happy with the reception so far.”
Pacific Beach native named ‘Coach of the Year’ at Grossmont College

Pacific Beach native Megan (Lowrey) Haber recently earned the Pacific Coast Athletic Conference “Coach of the Year” award. Haber has coached the Grossmont College women’s tennis team to its eighth PCAC Conference championship. Featured with Megan is Brittani Brown, PCAC “Athlete of the Year.”

Haber began playing tennis at Vacation Village (now Paradise Point), continuing at USD High, Grossmont College and Sonoma State University in the late ’90s. In addition to earning a number of league, and conference titles, Grossmont College alumni are well-represented in the ranks of current university players throughout the U.S.

Mission Bay High

• The Mission Bay High School senior class of 2015 will hold a Superhero Family Movie Night fundraiser from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 16, in the Pacific Beach Middle School auditorium. There will be superhero games, pizza and baked goods for sale, free superhero giveaways and a costume contest. The movie “The Incredibles!” begins at 6:30 p.m. Suggested donation: $10 per family.

Pacific Beach Middle

• Pacific Beach Middle School special education paraprofessional Rodel Agpaoa received the San Diego Unified’s Classified Employee of the Year for 2015. Agpaoa is an inspirational member of the staff at PB Middle IB World School. His commitment far exceeds his job description, as he is regularly out in the community assisting his students on a life skills field trip, teaching students how to fish, helping individual students with assignments or providing back-up in the health office.

Always caring and working to make a difference, Rodel regularly facilitates activities and clubs that help develop friendships between students in his special education classes. After school and on weekends, he enrolls in professional development courses and also makes time to volunteer for programs outside of the school system. He was just chosen to lead a Sea Cadet trip for teens in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

“Rodel,” said PBMS principal Kimberly Meng, “attends after-school functions to cheer on his students, so we were happy to be able to celebrate his hard work at a surprise assembly. It was wonderful to be able to cheer on Rodel for a change.”

PBMS will hold a school tour at 8 a.m. Thursday, May 7. Check in at the front office and meet in the library. Enjoy a presentation from Principal Meng and a walk through the campus.

Crown Point Junior Music Academy

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About 145 Students, teachers and volunteers walked the community and picked up trash along the back of the school grounds through Jewell Street, Shasta Street, Fortuna Avenue, Pacific Beach Drive and Hendall Street.

• Mr. Champion, fourth-grade teacher, stated, “We found a lot of cigarette butts, and we discussed why this might be. We also found beer bottles, food wrappers and even two non-matching shoes, which made for great classroom discussion.”

• The academy is hosting “A Night Under the Stars” at Mission Bay Yacht Club from 6 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, May 16. Enjoy a public auction, great music and delicious food while raising money for academy programs.
A local entrepreneur has come up with an environmentally friendly and furry souvenir brand, a portion of the proceeds from which go to protect the ocean and coastal wildlife.

Known as Shore Buddies, the new business venture was started by Malte Niebelschuetz. "We founded Shore Buddies in summer 2014 right here in San Diego," Niebelschuetz said. "We take recycled plastic bottles to create 12-inch plush animals which represent local coastal wildlife. We donate $1 with every purchase directly to the Surfrider Foundation, San Diego County chapter, to protect our oceans, waves and beaches."

"Shore Buddies come with authentically built-in sounds of the marine mammals they depict. Niebelschuetz came to San Diego about four years ago from his native Germany. He said Shore Buddies is a new concept he came up with after seeing "all the souvenir shops right on the boardwalk. I thought, 'There has to be a way to give something back to the community.' So I came up with Shore Buddies as an environmentally friendly way to make stuffed animals from recycled materials and donate a portion of the proceeds to local nonprofit agencies to protect the ocean and shoreline."

"The Shore Buddies brand was started with three different animals: the California gull, the common dolphin and the harbor seal. The hangtags of each stuffed animal include information about what everybody can do to protect the ocean and coastal wildlife. "Our products are beloved by tourists and locals alike," said Niebelschuetz. "We can be found at many different places throughout Southern California."

Locations where Shore Buddies are available along the San Diego coast includes Crystal Pier in PB, La Jolla Cove/Children’s Pool in La Jolla, Cabrillo National Monument in Point Loma, San Diego International Airport, Gepetto’s toy stores and the Hotel Del Coronado. Shore Buddies retail for $19 to $22, which includes the $1 Surfrider donation.

For more information, email malte@shore-buddies.com or visit shore-buddies.com.
Fans of acoustic music will want to hear Talia Ceravolo, who will be performing Wednesdays in May at the Turquoise at Café-Bar Europa beginning at 5 p.m. The venue has recently updated its schedule with music often available twice a day on the patio or indoors.

Ceravolo has a confident performing style with a commanding voice that reminds me a bit of Sarah McLachlan in places. An above average tunesmith, songs like her debut single, “If You Follow Me,” are full of wonderful melancholy hooks and, in this case, lush orchestration. For these sets, Ceravolo performs solo, but the songs are just as powerful, the mark of a good tune.

Anyone who enjoys great guitar playing won’t want to be anywhere but Dizzy’s on May 10 when three local guitar icons share the stage: Mundell Lowe, Jaime Valle and Bob Boss. It’s a stellar line-up. Gifted Latin jazz specialist Valle has the distinction of winning a record amount of San Diego Music Awards: 14. Meanwhile, Boss is an instructor of jazz studies at SDSU.

Lowe, however, is a legend. He’s performed with the likes of Bobby Darin, Charlie Parker and Barry Manilow. He can be heard on a wealth of TV soundtracks, including “Hawaii-50,” “The Wild Wild West” and “Starsky & Hutch.” He is a guitarist on Johnny Ray’s immortal 1951 No. 1 hit, “Cry.” Just some of the reasons local jazz or guitar fans shouldn’t miss this performance from one of our city’s true musical treasures.

Blues diva Mercedes Moore performs at the Kona Kai on May 14. Appearing in the resort’s Vessels Lounge, backed by guitarist Scot Smart, Moore’s performances are flawless examples of the genre. She has a terrific voice and a snooliddering delivery that will make anyone an instant fan.

Her music touches on R&B and occasionally soul, but Moore’s songs will thrill blues purists and fans of newer takes on the sound. If you like blues, it doesn’t get much better than this.

There are several genres that seem to have become entrenched in San Diego. Certainly there are a high number of ’60s-influenced garage rock bands in the area, as well as plenty of reggae combos. But if you really want to get a crowd moving in San Diego, the blues is where it’s at. One of the city’s finest players, Stoney B, performs at the Kona Kai on May 15 in the Vessels Lounge. Originally from Mississippi, Stoney B has a wealth of great originals, but blues fans will also love his deep wealth of covers, which can range from the obvious as Slim Harpo’s “Dust My Broom” to the less so, such as a gospel-tinged rendition of Prince’s “Purple Rain.”

Talia Ceravolo performs weekly at Café-Bar Europa

By BART MENDOZA

MUST HEAR

- Talia Ceravolo: Wednesdays at Café-Bar Europa, 873 Turquoise St. 5 p.m. and up. www.theturquoise.com/wordpress.
- Mercedes Moore: Thursday, May 14, at the Kona Kai Resort, 1551 Shelter Island Drive. 7 p.m. www.resortkonakai.com.
- Stoney B: Friday, May 15, at the Kona Kai Resort, 1551 Shelter Island Drive. 7 p.m. www.resortkonakai.com.
- Rhythm & The Method: Saturday, May 16, at 710 Beach Club, 710 Garnet Ave. 9 p.m. 21 and up. www.710bc.com.
- The Meteors: Sunday, May 17, at Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Ave. 8:30 p.m. 21 and up. $18. www.brickbybrick.com.

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I then heard about a shop in Pacific Beach, called Surf Monkey Bikes, which offers Pedego electric bike rentals at $32 for the entire day. Surf Monkey employee Kalin and Surf Monkey’s owner Jake told me about the bike and showed me how it works. The bike is equipped with a powerful 48-volt battery that can last up to 40 miles with pedal assist.

The throttle on the right handle allows you to control how much power is delivered to the bike, and the speedometer on the left handle helps you judge your speed. The speedometer tells you how far you’ve traveled and also has a USB port, which allows you to charge your phone or device while on the go. The bike has a seven-speed gearshift for easy pedaling and allows you to enjoy your ride without holding the throttle in place. The bike also comes with SRAM disc brakes for powerful and reliable braking.

I took the bike out, and I was a little nervous at first, but after about five minutes of riding, I became very comfortable; I even got it up to top speed, 20 miles an hour! I rode around the bay, Paradise Point, SeaWorld, Sunset Point, Belmont Park and, of course, the boardwalk. The entire time, I could hear people talking to each other about the bike and asking “is that electric or motorized?” When we stopped along the bay, a couple tourists asked if they could get a picture with one of the Pedego bikes.

By the time we headed back to Surf Monkey Bikes, I wanted to add a Pedego to my wish list. As these bikes retail for nearly $2,900, Kalin mentioned that if you do want to purchase one of the bikes, the amount you spend on each one of your rentals goes toward your bike purchase (what a great incentive!).

If you enjoy being outside, you must check out these Pedego electric bikes. You won’t be disappointed.

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All proceeds from the Taste of Mission Beach to fund the playground project. The roots of the restaurant walk go back one year.

“We held Taste of Mission Beach last year for our Mission Beach centennial, and it was such a good event we thought we’d take it over as a fundraiser for a playground project,” said Cordelia Mendoza, event chair and a member of Mission Beach Women’s Club’s board of directors. “Not only is this an important fundraiser, the Taste of Mission Beach is letting people know about the wonderful restaurants and eateries in Mission Beach. It’s a great way to spend a fun evening with friends and family.”

Mendoza said people can ride bikes, compliments of Cheap Rentals on the Boardwalk just south of the Wavehouse, take one of the Taste of Mission Beach shuttles, board the Bahia Belle free compliments of Evans Hotels or walk.

“There are lots of ways for everyone to get around to the 18 restaurants, where they can sample a variety of delicious cuisine,” said Mendoza.

Play by the Bay seeks to raise upward of $1 million to replace aging playground equipment at Bonita Cove, across the street from Belmont Park.

“Bonita Cove playground, the area where they first found razor blades in the park 18 months ago, is a run-down, uncared-for park that hasn’t been updated since 1961,” said Maruta Gardner, a past president of Mission Beach Women’s Club. “It’s pretty bleak compared to other playgrounds: no shade or benches for parents, etcetera. It’s bleak. We decided to take that on.”

Gardner noted that the project is undoubtedly going to be expensive given that Americans with Disabilities Act requirements are going to add greatly to the cost of providing much-needed improvements there.
San Diego Unified and teachers reach tentative agreement

San Diego Unified and the San Diego Education Association (SDEA) have reached a tentative three-year agreement that decreases class sizes, increases teacher preparation time, places additional staff at high-need schools and adds more counselors and special education support.

The agreement also establishes a collaborative process to develop a professional growth-focused evaluation system.

To become final, SDEA and board of education memberships must ratify the agreement. A vote by the SDEA membership to ratify the agreement will be held later in May. The agreement is expected to go to the board of education for approval on May 26.

The tentative agreement includes the following:
- A wage increase of 1 percent retroactive to July of 2014; a 4 percent increase effective July 1, 2015; and a reopen for the third year of the contract after the 2016-17 state budget is approved;
- Fully funded health benefits;
- Lower class sizes;
- An additional full-time certificated staff member for schools that have high percentages of students who are English language learners, foster youth or living in poverty, ensuring that students with the greatest disadvantages have additional resources;
- Additional counselors and special education support at high needs schools;
- Increased preparation time for elementary educators;
- A thorough study of the special education program, its delivery of services and the utilization of special education staff, conducted by a mutually agreed-upon third party, to include input from a balance of stakeholder groups;
- The establishment of a joint committee to research existing evaluation models and develop an evaluation process focused on professional growth;
- A fully funded Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment (BTSA) intern program during the term of the agreement;
- A retirement incentive for eligible educators who retire at the end of this year.

The three-year agreement comes as California’s budget is beginning to improve, although funding for education remains below 2007-08 levels. Education Week’s most recent annual “Quality Counts” report cites California as among the lowest in state per-pupil funding, ranking 46th out of 50.

“All told, the agreement allows us to recognize and honor our educators,” said Marne Foster, president of the board of education. “Their contributions are significant and appreciated.”

“This investment in our students has resulted in many positive outcomes, including four consecutive years of having the second-highest graduation rate among California’s large urban districts and the lowest dropout rate,” said Emily Young, San Diego Foundation vice president of community impact.

The grants were awarded to:
- Mission Beach nonprofit San Diego Audubon Society Outdoor Explorers and Neighborhood Nature Guides – $43,400 to expand nature education programs to the watershed by taking students to different areas along the 55-mile stretch of land and helping them recognize the role they play in keeping the natural community a thriving ecosystem.
- Pacific Beach nonprofit Ocean Discovery Institute Watershed Advocates Magnificent Canyon Restoration – $30,777 for improvement of the accessibility and overall quality of habitats in Manzanita Canyon.
- San Diego Audubon Society Outdoor Explorers and Neighborhod Nature Guides – $43,400 to introduce San Diego Unified School District and Chula Vista students to natural spaces in their respective communities and inspire them to develop a stewardship ethic for these environments.
- Girls Scouts San Diego Girl Scout Outreach: Community Presence Initiative - Urban Explorers! – $40,000 to provide San Ysidro and City Heights communities with year-round learning focused on the environment and leadership development.

MB, PB nonprofits receive grants from San Diego Foundation

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Memorial in PB set for local Little League icon

On August 16, 1914, the Indianapolis Hoosiers, with future Hall of Famers Edd Roush and Bill McKechnie in the lineup, destroyed the Pittsburgh Rebels 21-6 in Federal League play. Baseball year-round. He was a native of the small town of Winchester, Ind., 80 miles northeast of the capital city.

In 1926, the Carroll family moved to San Diego, and 12-year-old Jim found a paradise where he could play baseball year-round. He was a star athlete at La Jolla High School and later played for the La Jolla Kiwanis baseball team in the 1930s and 1940s.

The day after their wedding in 1936, Jim and his new bride, Lucille, attended a doubleheader between the fledgling San Diego Padres and Seattle Indians in the old Pacific Coast League at Lane Field. For the next 75 years, the couple's shared love of baseball was instilled in their sons, Tim and Jim Jr. Both boys were diamond standouts at North Shore Little League, Carroll would introduce San Diego Unified and La Jolla. North Shore played in the 1955 Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa.

Despite the success of the North Shore Little League, Carroll would have preferred less emphasis on tournaments and winning. He believed all the boys on the roster should learn to play the game and that there should be “a good educational program for parents in regard to their actions and attitudes around the ballpark.”


Today, few people remember the 1914 Indianapolis Hoosiers baseball team, but hundreds of grandfathers who grew up in Pacific Beach and La Jolla remember Jim Carroll. They passed the same love and respect for the game of baseball to their sons and grandsons that coach Carroll had taught to them as boys. His legacy and memory are not forgotten in the beach community and beyond.

You are invited to attend a memorial service for Jim and Lucille Carroll at Our Lady of Refuge Church at 4226 Jewel St. in Pacific Beach 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 21.

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